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report which gives information on the following: (1) a ponton bridge located at the point where the Leissnitzsee and the Glower See join, (2) Small caliber guns and machine gun posts located on the Spree River between Glowe and Beeskow, (3) Radio stations at MR 468.784 and 469.785, (4) Vehicles which went from Trebitz to Zeust or Beeskow.

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A pontoon bridge was in position at VT 454.730, where the LEISSNITZ SEE and the GLOWER SEE join. The bridge was made up of eight pontoons, equidistant from each other upon which was laid the road surface. Each pontoon was made of two sections fixed together, both sections having one bow-shaped end and one straight end, to which the other section was attached.

On the eastern bank 2 x 3-axled crane trucks were parked. At 1600 hours 4 x jeeps and several ZIS-151 and 150 crossed the bridge from east to west. The bridge was dismantled between 15 and 16 August.

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On the river SPREE between GLOWE and BEESKOW the following observations were made:

- (a) On either bank of the SPREE at intervals of approximately 500 - 600 metres, a small calibre gun was in position, well camouflaged. The barrels were pointing towards the water. The guns are described as follows:
 - (i) Calibre approximately 50 mm.
 - (ii) Length of barrel approximately 60 cms.
 - (iii) One-axled carriage, solid tyre disc wheels, approximately 50 cms. in diameter.
- (b) Between gun positions, there were one man M.G. posts every 200 metres.
- (c) Two W/T stations were positioned at MR.468.784 and 469.785. They were in the woods, about 20 metres from the river bank, and are described as follows:
 - (i) Each station was made up of 8-10 cases, placed in a circle. The cases were approximately 1.5 metres high, 1 metre wide and 1 metre long.
 - (ii) Wire leads led to the cases.
 - (iii) In the circle of cases officers stood with earphones and microphones.
 - (iv) Lines led to trees from the stations running in a southerly direction.
 - (v) 2 x T34/85 were seen near the stations, but no other vehicles.
- (d) Troops with telephone cable rolls were seen on the SPREE river bank between KUMMEROW and LEISSNITZ.

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Between 0900 hours and 1900 hours the following vehicles passed through FRIEDLAND coming from TREBITZ and driving towards BEESKOW or ZEUST:

- (a) 30 x 6x6 APC, extended aerials.
- (b) 5 x 2-axled 25X1
- (c) 1 x 2-axled petrol
- (d) 2 x ZIS-150, each towing a 57 mm. Mod 43 A/T.
- (e) 2 x GAZ-63, each towing a 120 mm. mortar.
- (f) 3 x ZIS-151, with troops (black/red sbds.) and ammo.
- (g) 6 x ZIS-150 with troops (black/red sbds.) and field kitchen trailers.
- (h) 2 x GAZ-63, each with 1 x 120 mm. mortar.
- (i) 5 x jeeps with extended aerials.
- (j) 1 x 2-axled W/T truck, extended aerial.
- (k) 4 x ZIS-151, each towing a gun, described as follows:
 - (i) estimated calibre - 122 mm.
 - (ii) estimated length of barrel 2.5 - 3 metres.
 - (iii) Muzzle brake.
 - (iv) Single wheels.
 - (v) Limber wheels.
 - (vi) Square section split trail.
 - (vii) Split trail covered by tarpaulin with raised portion at end of trail.
- (l) 57 x T34/85.
- (m) 6 x jeeps.
- (n) 8 x 6x6 APC. with machine guns mounted and some with aerials extended.
- (o) 5 x ZIS-151, each towing a 152 mm. Mod 53 howitzer.
- (p) 4 x GAZ-63, each towing a 37 mm. A.A.
- (q) 4 x JSU-152.
- (r) 15 x 2-axled with troops (black/red sbds.). 25X1
- (s) 1 x 3-axled petrol
- (t) 18 x ZIS-151, each towing a 152 mm. Mod 43 howitzer.
- (u) 6 x ZIS-150 with troops and ammo. boxes.
- (v) 6 x 2-axled with baggage and boxes. 25X1
- (w) 1 x ZIS-151 with field kitchen trailer.
- (x) 2 x AVs, similar to the 6x6 APC, but with box bodies, square and slightly higher than the driver's cabin and with no windows.
- (y) 4 x APC 6x6, machine guns mounted and extended aerials.
- (z) 1 x ZIS-151 with field kitchen trailer.

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Between 0800 and 1800 hours the following vehicles passed through FRIEDLAND from TREBITZ in the direction of ZEUST/BEESKOW:

- (a) 12 x YA-12, each towing a 122 mm. Mod 38 howitzer.
- (b) 2 x jeeps with extended aerials.
- (c) 4 x 6x6 APC, with extended aerials.
- (d) 3 x ZIS-150, each with a four barrelled A.A.
- (e) 5 x GAZ-63, each with a 57 mm. Mod. 43 A/T.
- (f) 6 x 2-axled with a 37 mm. A.A. 25X1
- (g) 10 x T34/85.
- (h) 5 x Mod. 13 rocket launchers.
- (i) 12 x 3-axled and 5 x 2-axled amphibians.
- (j) 3 x tracked amphibians (7 bogey wheels).
- (k) 2 x STUDEBAKER, each with a motor boat on one-axled trailer.
- (l) 9 x STUDEBAKER, each with one pontoon.

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5. During the night 14/15 Aug 57, Soviet Army military police posts were positioned in FRIEDLAND and traffic drove through during the night.

6. The vehicles mentioned in para. 4 (h) to (l) returned through FRIEDLAND driving towards LIEBEROSE at midday on 15.8.57.

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From 1000 hours to 1025 hours the following vehicles drove through FRIEDLAND from TREBITZ towards ZEUST/BEESKOW:


- (a) 3 x 6x6 APC.
- (b) 3 x tanks, probably T54.
- (c) 2 x GAZ-63, towing a 57 mm. Mod 43 A/T.
- (d) 2 x ZIS-150, each with a four-barrelled A/A.
- (e) 1 x 2-axled W/T.

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At 1030 hours the following vehicles drove through FRIEDLAND from WEICHENS DORF towards LEUST/BEESKOW:

- (a) 2 x 3-axled petrol bowzers.
- (b) 12 x 2-axled  each with a field kitchen trailer.
- (c) 9 x ZIS-151 with POL containers.

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